



House Select Committee on Homeland Security **Democrats**

JIM TURNER, Ranking Member

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TURNER DEMANDS ANSWERS ON DETAINED AIRLINES

“I’m pleased to know the men and women on the front lines of our homeland security are doing everything they can to prevent another terrorist attack, but I’m worried they are not being given the tools they need to do the job,” said Congressman Jim Turner, Ranking Member of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security in response to the cancellation of recent airline flights for security reasons.

“The people trying to protect us did not have a unified terrorist watch list or proper human intelligence sources that would allow them to best target their investigations. The passengers and airlines knew we were on orange alert, but the lack of specificity in the warning system did not prepare them for the burdens they may face.”

“The U.S. government may have been successful, but we also may have failed, and that just won’t fly,” said Turner.

“I am asking the chairman of this committee to convene hearings to learn how information was gathered and disseminated throughout this process both within DHS and throughout the U.S. government.”

“It is critically important that there is a single federal official who is responsible and accountable to the American people for telling us what happened here, and for making sure that the failures that took place two years ago never occur again.”

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